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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Friday, February 16, 2018
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of
HB 1962, HD1
RELATING TO MANUFACTURING.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on Finance.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** HB 1962, HD1, which requires DBEDT to conduct an economic development study on automated manufacturing opportunities in Hawaii. DBEDT agrees that Hawaii manufacturers will increasingly need to turn to advanced manufacturing and industrial automation to remain competitive. Although automated manufacturing may reduce the overall number of workers required to produce a product, it also provides local manufacturers with the ability to compete with offshore production.

DBEDT appreciates that this measure will ultimately support the growth of Hawaii-made products by studying the opportunities and challenges of automated manufacturing in the state and making preliminary findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation for the convening of the regular legislative session of 2019. To complete this study DBEDT requests an appropriation of \$150,000.

DBEDT supports the bill as long as it does not either replace or adversely impact the Administration's priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

HB-1962-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII

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RE: Testimony in Support of HB 1962 HD1 RELATING TO MANUFACTURING

To the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair; the Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

Good afternoon. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 1962 HD1 relating to DBEDT and an Automated Manufacturing Study.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No. 1962 HD1 and supports its passage.

House Bill No.1962 HD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to conduct an economic development study on automated manufacturing opportunities in Hawaii.

The DPH Platform states that "[w]e recognize that the responsible use and development of technology in all its manifestations offers immense potential for our community, government, including institutions of higher education and business sectors. We encourage synergistic research, development, commercialization and educational programs to promote technological proficiency and innovation. In particular, we support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiatives in our public, private and charter schools as these prepare the next generation to address the needs of our state. We also support programs that facilitate incubator, i.e. start-up, opportunities for new and promising technologies, and encourage the local retention of our intellectual resources. (Platform of the DPH, P. 3, Lines 149-156 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No. 1962 HD1 requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to conduct an economic development study on automated manufacturing opportunities in Hawaii, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ **Melodie Aduja**

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Randall Francisco	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Kauai Film Commissioner & Small Business Coordinator. This legislation continues the economic and workforce development pathway established by the state that supports our continuing efforts at economic diversification and leveraging our successes in manufacturing.